

Application Serial No. 10/051,065

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Van Huben et al. In the interest of expediting the prosecution, Applicant herein cancels claims 1-9 without prejudice. For the record, Applicant disagrees that 5 claims 1-9 are anticipated by Van Huben et al., and reserves the right to file a Continuation claiming the subject matter of cancelled claims 1-9.

The Examiner stated that remaining claims 10-14, 16-26 and 29-38 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this conclusion. Claims 10-14, 16-26, and 29-34 are either written in independent form or depend from either 10 independent claim 10 or independent claim 25. Thus, claims 10-14, 16-26, and 29-34 should be allowable without amendment. Claims 35, 37 and 38 depend from rejected and cancelled claim 1. Claims 35 and 37 are amended herein such as to be written in independent format, and now include all limitations of rejected base claim 1. Thus, claims 35 and 37 should now be in allowable format. 15 Claims 36 (as submitted) and 38 (as amended) depend from claim 35, and thus should now be in allowable format as well.

In view of the above, the Application is deemed to be in allowable condition. The Examiner is therefore earnestly requested to withdraw all outstanding rejections and objections, allowing the Application to pass to issue 20 as a United States Patent. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the application, he is respectfully urged to contact Applicant's attorney at (650) 474-8400.

Respectfully submitted,



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